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EIGHTER FROM DECATUR

1• One of the most important projects of the city is back on its feet and operating very efficiently. That's the Boy Scouts and Cub activities. The work being done by the leaders in caring for the needs of our young men is commendable and deserves the support of all Decaturites. Giving growing boys a program of activity is one of the best ways to insure future American citizens of the best kind—and that's what the Scouts do.

2• Decatur is receiving more and more inquiries from various business concerns asking for information concerning the possibilities of locating a business here. The present situation is that all business houses and residences are full, which speaks well for the town, but does not allow a newcomer any choice in selecting a site for a business firm or a house to call home. The 20 houses coming to Decatur soon will aid many servicemen with families to attend Decatur College. As materials are available, Decatur should grow—the kind of growth that is substantial and dependable. We hope this can be realized soon.

3• Tom says he knows what is wrong with the country — they're trying to run it withuot a vice-president, and everyone knows the vice-president is the worker.

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4-H Clubbers Given Registered Hogs

Members of Wise County 4-H Clubs were furnished purebred Duroc jersey pigs for initial start in a livestock improvement program. The Sears-Roebuck Foundation, working with A&M College Extension Service sponsored the bringing in of purebred hogs, poultry and cattle to cooperating counties.

The nine Club boys will feed these pigs until the fall show in late September, explained C H Bates, County Agent. The champion sow from the group along with the boar grown here will show in District competition at Wichita Falls. Boys having the best sows there will be awarded registered Jersey heifers as premiums for creditable work.

Boys in the following clubs were present to receive their pigs last Saturday afternoon—Travis Cobb, Alvord, Jimmy Cunnius, Decatur, Kenneth Montgomery and Charlie Maxwell, Greenwood, Jimmy Ellison Slidell, Bud Logan, Rhome and Buddy Bailey, Bridgeport.

Two members from Boyd and Paradise clubs were unable to get to the meeting.

Revival Postponed

Due to illness of the Evangelist, the Revival Meeting of the First Methodist Church, to open tonight, has been postponed indefinitely.

Bruce Bulgarel is spending a few days at Hot Springs, Ark.

SAVE FEED - PUT ALL THE LOAFING CHICKENS IN CANS, SAYS MISS HODGE

"By culling one's poultry flock regularly, one can play a great part in feed conservation" says Fern Hodge, County Home Demonstration Agent. A hen, whether she is laying or not, consumes at least 5 pounds of feed per month.

The fat loafers are excellent for canning because of the flavor and quality of the meat that is not found in younger birds. Too, this canned chicken has such a wide variety of uses It is good to use in chicken pie, salad, creamed or chicken a la king, crequettes, etc.

Boning the chicken before it is canned is recommended because canned this way it has a pure chicken flavor, and, too boning saves space in containers as well as containers. C Enamel tin cans should be used for canning in tins. Plain tin cans sometimes cause the meat to darken. Pint glass jars may be used, but never quart size jars.

We should rememl that chicken like all other meats is safe only when canned in a steam pressure cooker.

Call the County Extension Service office for Bulletin B-88—Poultry dressing, cooking, marketing and canning.

SGT. PHILLIPS HAS BRONZE STAR

T-Sgt. Arrie L Phillips of Boyd was presented the Bronze Star at Camp Hood June 18th.

Sgt. Phillips was one of 14 men of the 2nd Armored Division honored by General Wainwright on his visit there that day, by personally presenting the awards.

Barney S. Wise Jr. Drowned Near Fort Stockton Last Week

Barney S Wise Jr., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Wise of Boyd, was drowned on a fishing trip on the Pecos river near Ft. Stockton Tuesday afternoon, June 4.

From reports, Wise and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baird and son were fishing on their afternoon off, the two men being working partners in the oil fields near there. Baird, who could not swim, waded into the deep water and Wise was called to help by Mrs. Baird. A much larger man than Barney, both men drowned. Aid was secured at Imperial, and after nearly an hour, the bodies were recovered by divers.

Christian Funeral Home and B S Wise Sr. brought the body overland from Ft Stockton.

Funeral services were held at Boyd Baptist Church Friday June 7, conducted by Rev. J W Langham and former pastor Rev. Hicks of Harrisburg, Ark.

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LIONS HAVE ANNUAL PICNIC

Approximately 150 guests and Lions gathered at the reunion grounds last Friday night for the clubs annual picnic.

Most of the time was spent in 'visiting' and the children had their share of the fun as the Hot Rocks entertained before and after the picnic fare.

Served cafeteria style, the delicious barbecue with all the necessary side dishes furnished a delightful repast. The boys of the now famous Decatur Hot Rocks entertained before and following the eats, and were well received. These boys will attend the nafional Lions Convention in Philadelphia in July as good will ambassadors from Decatur and Texas.

Work On Disposal Plant Is Started

The City of Decatur this week started excavation work on the new disposal plant south of the city, one of the first steps in the sewer improvement and enlargement program for Decatur.

Recent bids for the proposed work were all rejected as being too high Mayor Dodson informs us, so the city purchased some equipment, and with the services of an experienced man as supervisor, work is going forward on the project.

About 20 days will be required to complete the excavafion work. Laying of lines wili follow as soon as possible.

Survivors of the Texas Lost Batallion on Java will hoid the second annual reunion in Wichita Falls August 24 it has been announced.

Mayor C P Dodson, A B Lee and E R Williams of Weatherford spent Monday and Tuesday in Big Spring attending a district Lions Club convention

CHARLES BURTON, son of Mrs. C A Burton of Decatur, waves goodbye as he boarded a train in Dallas for the west coast, the first lap of his trip to the atom bombing of Bikini July 1. He is now aboard the USS Appalachian, with 150 other correspondents, to cover the bombing for their home paper. Burton, since his release from the Navy, has been roving reporter for the Dallas News, and is the News' representative at this historic event.

On PAC Purge List

GOSSETT GIVES HIS FORMAL STATEMENT

Congressman Ed Gosset has authorized the Messenger to publish the following announcement of his candidacy for reelection.

"Our country is now faced with many serious problems which vitally affect her peace and security. I shall discuss these problems with you during the campaign in so far as opportunity affords. Only a few matters can be mentioned here.

Foreign Policy

"To win the peace is a sacred obligation. To this end, America must remain forever the strongest power on earth. She must repudiate policies of isolation and appeasement. She must deal with firmness and justness.

Domestic Policy

"To be strong abroad we must be strong at home. The greatest menace on the home front is organized selfish minority pressure groups. Few Congressmen have been as active or outsptoken against all such groups as have I. The most dangerous of these groups is the Political Action Committee of CIO, led by communistic, Russian - born Sidney Hillman. I have been a leader in defeating some of the radical schemes of said PAC-CIO, such as the FEPC and the bill which sought to guarantee full employment at government expense.

Blacklisted By PAC-CIO

"Because of my effective opposition to its program of national socialism, because of by condemnation of its dangerous political activities, the PAC-CIO is actively fighting me and has placed me at the top of its purge list for Texas. A vote for Ed Gossett is definitely a vote against this gang which seeks to dominate and destroy American democracy.

Strikes and Monopolies

"Ever since I came to Congress I have spoken, worked, and voted 6, 1941, I stood on the floor of for a sane labor policy. On June the House and criticized the President's failure to deal firmly with the bosses of industry and labor, and predicted disastrous results. I have often condemned monopolies, demanded trust-busting, insisted upon equal restrictions and responsibilities for both the bosses of industry and of labor; and have contended that public rights are superior to the rights of any individual or group I called for action against John L. Lewis when he closed the coal mines in the midst of war. I was the first Member of Congress to condemn his recent coal strike and to predict its dire consequences. The government can and should protect all the people of this country from all forms of racketeering.

Bureaucracy and Regimentation

"American standards of living cannot be maintained, much less raised, under excessive regimentation. There is a happy medium between no regulation and complete regulation. Again, we can and must reduce the size, cost, and activities of the federal government. We need less and better administration. The executive has grown too powerful at the expense of the legislative branch. We must restore a decent balance

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Last Day of Filing Adds New Names

HERE IS THE LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR STATE AND COUNTY OFFICES THIS YEAR

Candidates for county offices Monday drew for order on the ballot, and primary assessments were made. Cost of the race for each county office was set at anywhere from $125 down to $9.00. Last minute filing found new names on the ticket as the races attracted new aspirants.

The county democratic executive committee met Monday afternoon and set the assessments following the deadline Saturday night for filing for county office.

Voters this year are expected to go over 6,000 since poll taxes total around 5,000 and all ex-servicemen receive a free vote, with the total returned veterans in the county set at over 1,000.

Candidates have until Saturday to pay election costs, which may change the names for the final places on the ballots. The names below have been filed, but some have not paid and unless they do pay, their names will not be on the ballot.

Here are the Names Filed:

For U S Senator:
Floyd E Ryan
A B (Cyclone) Davis
Tom Connally
Laverne Somerville
Terrell Sledge

For Governor:
C R Shaw
Walter Scott McNutt
Reese Turner
John Lee Smith
Homer P Rainey
Chas. B Hutchison
Floyd Brinkley
W J Minton
Beauford Jester
Jerry Sadler
Grover Sellers
A J Burks
William V Brown
Caso March

For Lieutenant Governor:
Allan Shivers
Boyce House
Larry Mills
Jo Ed Winfree
Turner Walker

For Comptroller of Public Accounts:
George H Sheppard
Clifford E Butler

For State Treasurer:
Jesse James
Clarence Williams

For Commissioner of General Land Office:
Bascom Giles

For Attorney General:
Pat M Neff Jr
Price Daniel

For Superintendent of Public Instruction:
L A Woods

For Commissioner Agriculture:
R E McDonald
W R Chambers
Benjamin F Hill
J E McDonald

For Railroad Commissioner:
Olin Culberson
Mac Coker
Ike Lyons

For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court (Place 1)
Chas. T Rowland
John H Sharp

For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court (Place 2)
Graham B Smedley
James B Hubbard

For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court (Place 3)
J E Hickman

For Judge Court of Criminal Appeals:
Jesse Owens
Weaver Baker
Joseph Donnell Dickson
Tom L Beauchamp

For Congress 13th. District:
Ed Gossett
Mack Taylor
Houston McMurry
John R Good

For Chief Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals for the Second Supreme Judicial District:
Atwood McDonald

For State Senator, 22d District:
R L Proffer
Eugene Miller
J B (Jack) Pruett
Arthur Cato
Ben J Hagman
Clinton Kersey
Charles W Coffield

For Commissioner Precinct 1:
Ben A Moore

For Justice Peace Precinct 1:
C M (Cush) Quisenberry
Ira Maley

For Constable Precinct 1:
Cliff Cook
Tom Laird
J W McCullough
Luther F Fellers

For Commissiner Preocinct 2:
John H Peyton
F M McGee
Roy H McClung

For Justice Peace Precinct 2:
J P Maxwell

For Constable Precinct 2:
F E Bowles

For Commissioner Precinct 3:
W L Hall
Bob Cleveland

For Justice Peace Precinct 5:
W E Munn

For Constable Precinct 5:
H D Scroggins

For Commissioner Precinct 1:
Ben A Moore

For Constable Precinct 6:
J J Covington

For Commissioner Precinct 4:
Arthur E Reddell
Ike J Hartsell
Cuil Bailey

For Justice Peace Precinct 7:
L D Kirkpatrick

For Constable Precinct 7:
W I Arwine
C P Wood

Keep this list. If there are any corrections, they will be published next week, and you may make your own correction and have a complete list of the candidates.

Norma Taylor Enters Race For District Clerk

This newspaper is this week authorized to announce the candidacy of Miss Norma Taylor of Decatur for the office of District Clerk of Wise County, Texas.

Miss Taylor was born in Wise County and is the daughter of the late Speed Taylor, who was one of the best known and loved pioneers of the county.

She is a high school graduate and has had business training in college and she feels she is qualified and capable of filling the office. Her formal announcement will appear at a later date.

ELECTION COSTS ARE ASSESSED

The election costs for this year were assessed candidates, Monday as the number in the races and places on the ballot were selected by candidates and the county committee.

The estimated cost this year was set at $2325.00, some $500 higher than last election year. If final costs do not reach this figure, the overage will be refunded candidates proportionately.

Costs for the various candidates are:

For Judge, Sheriff, Collector, County Clerk, County Attorney and County Superintendent was set at $125.00 each.

For County Treasurer $75.

For Districk Clerk $55.

For Commissioner $90.

For Justice of Peace Precinct 1, $40.

All other Justice of the Peace $5.

All Constables $5.

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MORE WOMEN AND MORE MACHINES INCREASING SPORTSWEAR OUTPUT

Sixty-three women, from all parts of Wise County, are now employed at Westway Sportswear in Decatur. During the coming few weeks additional machines are expected which will increase this total of workers to 79.

Mrs. Franklin, manager of the company here is well pleased with the output of the plant, and the nice increase in efficiency of the women after the training period.

During the month of May a total of 561 dozen garments were made and shipped from our plant.

Services Held For Martin E. Simmons

Martin Elihue Simmons was born in Centralia, Ill., Nov. 22, 1857, where he was married to Miss Mary Ann Keel and where the family lived until 1885, the year they came to Texas and Cooke county where they lived seven years, and two years in west Texas before coming to the Fairview community in '94, making Rhome their home since that time.

Mrs. Simmons passed away in May 1895. In 1900 Mr. Sim-

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ON PLACING THE BLAME——Everyone is blaming someone else for everything—strikes, tie-ups, stoppages, and post-war inconveniences. No one has THOUGHT to blame himself!

Yet, if we DO stop and think it over, we will see that YOU and I—OURSELVES—are more or less at fault. We can see that what we DIDN'T DO ourselves has given plenty of room for others to do what we don't approve of now.

The answer to Democracy is always at the polls—and the sort of men we elect are the ones who have the say about how our country will operate. To stop some of our headaches would be to put men in office who are not afraid to say NO and keep the tail from wagging the dog. Watch the men in office—if they are afraid to face the issues squarely, without riding the fence,—they are not the men who would say NO to dictation when it comes along. Needn't blame anyone but yourself for the outcome.

WISDOM——The five cent cigar is a thing of the past it seems—but the newest refinements of a corncob pipe remind us of down-to-earth thinking—more than a nickel stogie.

Most of the country's best thinking seems to have been done between puffs of the mellow, slow puffing corncob. A puff or two right now wouldn't hurt—just some down-to-earth-common-horse-sense-studying will never be completely out of fashion—and could really be fashionable about now!

Every man and woman should exercise his or her rights and fulfill responsibilities of freedom. If they shun a voice and give it to someone they know nothing about, they are still enemies to themselves and democracy.

WHAT IS YOUR GOAL?—Policies definitely destructive to free enterprise are destructive to our liberties. Size has nothing to do with the question. The man who runs the shoe-shine stand is a capatilist, no less than the man who runs a factory. Great industries now serving America developed of small beginnings. The young man with an idea, working at home, may tomorrow be the owner of a large concern.

WORKS BOTH WAYS

In April Congress passed the Lea Bill which provides fine and imprisonment for any union which compels broadcasters to hire more employees than are needed "to perform actual service." In calling a strike at a Chicago radio station because the station refused to employ 3 additional librarians, James C Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians, said the union appreciates that it's action is contrary to the restrictions of the Lea Bill, but that he and his union would resist the law "until we are told by the Supreme Court of the United States that the Bill of Rights and the abolition of slavery do not apply to American musicians."

There is comedy in that one statement. Just where does the Bill of Rights give any man authority to tell another man to hire three people he doesn't need, or to tell men working for another man to stop working, or where does it provide that before a man can work he must join some organization, and pay monthly dues for the privilege of working? The Bill of rights would permit a man to join any organization he desired or by the same token it would respect his right not to join. It is supposed to work both ways.

The Bill of Rights came into being to help guarantee freedom. When a man is forced to join and pay any specified organization, regardless of his desire to do so, before he can earn a living, he is not a free man.

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Mr. and Mrs. Burl Dobson of Oklahoma City are visiting Mr. and Mrs. G F Cobb.

Mrs. Ella Hatcher of Quanah is visiting her niece, Miss Frances Trenchard.

DISCHARGED

Robert Harry Wilson, Seaman 1/c of Boyd, route 1 with 18 months overseas service and Donald Burnell Carter, Machinist's Mate 3/c of Decatur, 13 months overseas, recently were discharged by the Navy at the Norman, Oklahoma, center.

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PROMOTED

MANILA, PI—Martin D Barrett of Decatur, has been promoted to technician third grade the public relaions office, 86th Infantry Division, announced recently.

T/3 Barrett came into the Army in February 1945. After completion of basic training in Fort Sam Houston, he was given a furlough before shipping overseas in August 1945. On arriving overseas he joined the 96th division and was transferred to the 86th division in January 1946. He is presently assigned to the Division Surgeon's Section of Headquarters company 86th Division.

T/3 Barrett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C V Barrett and the husband of Doris Barrett, all of Decatur.

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Patty Ponder of Dallas is visiting Ruth Collins.

Leroy Bursey, M. D.

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Mrs. C D Jones, Nocona
Mrs. Poney Lawyer, Bowie
Mrs. W H Turner and baby city
Mary Jo Von Huevel, Paradise.
Eugene Russell, city.
C M Maxwell, Greenwood
Margaret Ann Gettys, city
Mrs. W W Adams, Forestburg
Mrs. J E Mask, Bridgeport
Mrs. Roy Pierce, Forestburg
Bobbie Berg, Wellington
Mrs. Woody Wall, city
Mrs. T W Rosenberg, city
Eddie Anderson, Jr., city
Carolyn McCrary, city
Walter Baldwin, Wichita
Mrs. F M Staples, Paradise
Mrs. Lewis Harder, city
Freddie Mae McCracken, Nocona.
Mrs. Jack Beaty and baby, Sunset
Mrs. Monroe Price, city
Mrs. R L Volkman and baby city.

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Mrs. J H Walker and grandsons, Dannie and Johnnie Walker of Fort Sill visited Mr. and Mrs. M P Jeffers Monday.

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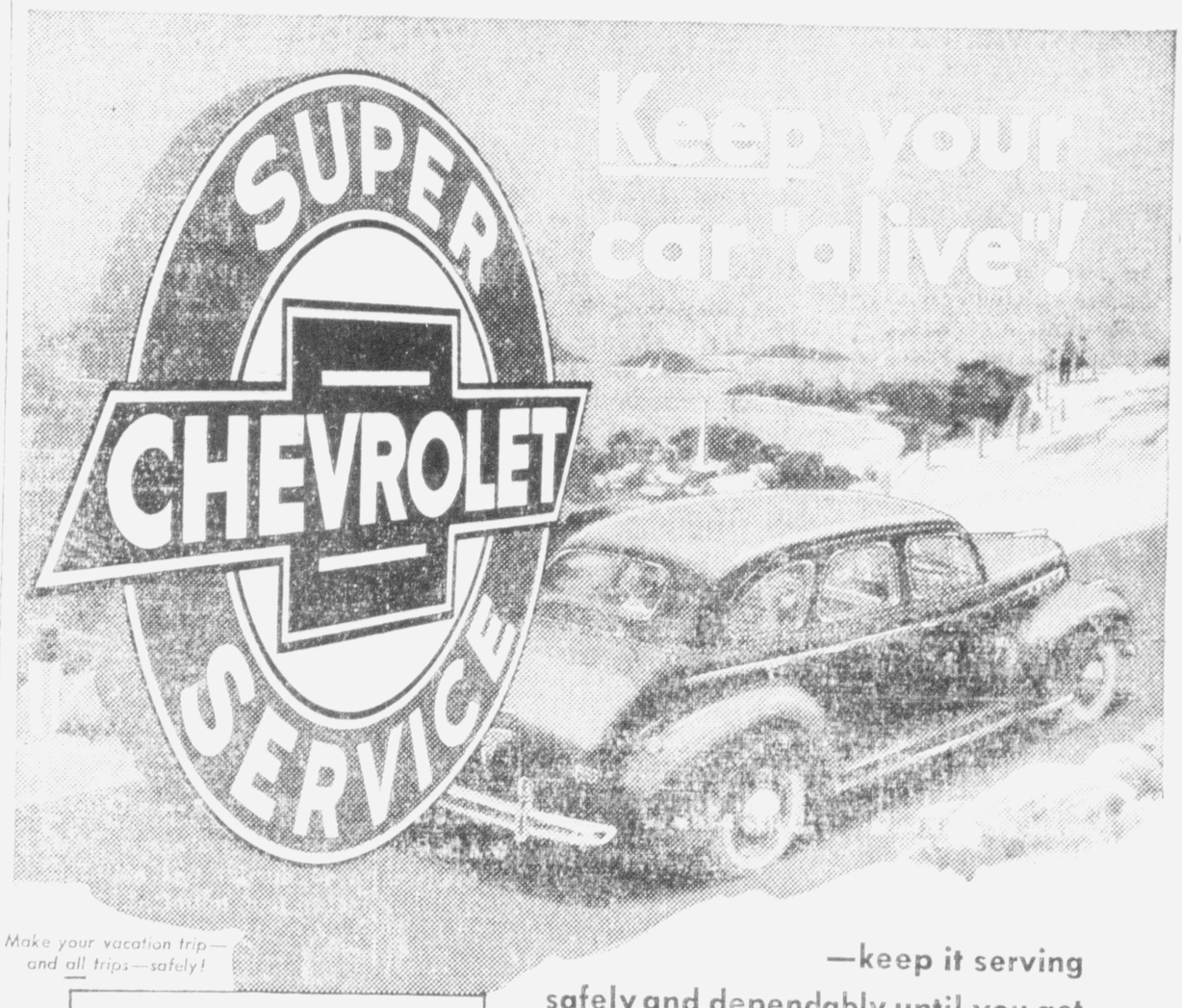

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OBITUARY

Cuell L. Hays was born May 15, 1894 in Bridgeport, Texas. He passed away last Tuesday night at 9 p. m. (June 4, 1946) making his age 51 years, 11 months and 11 days.

He spent his early life in Texas, later moved to California and then back to Bridgeport. He served his country with oversea duty in the first world war and was a member of the Disabled American Veterans.

He was married to Trixie Womack in Lubbock, Texas, in 1929.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. C. L. Hays of Bridgeport, Texas, and three sons: Troy C. Hays of Duncan, Okla.; Edward Wayne Hays of Ft. McClellan, Ala. and Fred Richard Hays of Duncan, Okla. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hays of Thomas. Three brothers: Thomas B. Hays of Bridgeport, Texas; I. B. and J. C. Hays of Commanchie, Okla. Four Sisters: Mrs. Mertle Franklin and Mrs. Lum Davis of Duncan, Okla.; Mrs. Elizabeth Combs of Comnanchie, Okla. and Mrs. Fred McMasters of Newport Beach, California. Two Grand Children: Bob and Sharon Hays.

The last Rites for Cuell L. Hays were held at the First Baptist Church in Bridgeport, Thursday, June the 6, at 4:00 P. M. with the pastor, Rev. John R. Ferguson conducting the services, afterwhich his remains were carried to the Thomas Cemetery for interment.

The deceased was well known in this section and is a native born Texan and has lived in and around Bridgeport the greater part of his life. He has been ill for some time and every thing that medical skill and human hands could do was done to alleviate his suffering but all to no avail. He was a good husband, father, and a good neighbor and friend to all. Many hearts were made sad at his going.

He was a veteran of World War One and the Pall Bearers, D. H. Thomason, Dale Eales, Earl Ward Sr., Noble Barber, Earl E. Frost, and R. L. Morris, were veterans of World War One.

Hawkins Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

SOCIETY AND CLUBS

JACK LITTLE AND ERNESTINE WILBANKS WED HERE JUNE 13th.

Miss Earnestine Wilbanks, of Frederick, Oklahoma, daughter of T C Wilbanks, and Jack Little, son of Alexander Little of Decatur, were united in marriage at the Fundamentalist Baptist Church June 13 at 7 o'clock.

Miss Hazel Glenn Dunaway sang "Because" and Miss Elouise Mauldin played the wedding marches.

The church was beautifully decorated with baskets of white gladola and white snapdragons, flanked with palm ferns, with lighted tapers in wrought iron candelabra. Mr. S T Medford was the florist in charge.

The candles were lighted by Miss Hazel Glenn Dunaway.

Miss Marietta Roach of Ft. Worth was the maid of honor. She wore a melon taffeta formal. Mr. Vance Lowery was the best man.

The bride wore a beautiful white dress of net and lace, with a celanese ninon train. The long veil was of white illusion netting, trimmed with wide scallops of lace.

The double ring ceremony was impressively read by Rev. E E Taylor, Pastor of the Fundamentalist Baptist Church

The aunt of the groom, Mrs. Kenneth Prince, gave a reception immediately following the ceremony.

The couple will make their home in Hollis, Oklahoma, Mr. Little being associated with the Kraft Food Co. He is a returned veteran and since his discharge has been a senior student at A&M College.

BUFFET SUPPER HONORS MISS MAULDIN

Mrs. O J Van Meter and Mrs. Herbert Ferguson honored Miss Elouise Mauldin with a buffet supper at the Van Meter home June 13th at eight o'clock.

Bouquets of spring flowers were attractively arranged throughout the home for the occasion.

The honoree was presented a colorful luncheon cloth by the hostesses.

Guests present were Miss Elouise Mauldin, M m e s. E L Walker, James Keith Jr., Gordon Robetrs, B A Man, C A Nichols, Floyd Doyle, Ben Williams, G C Rann and Misses Betty Willard, Nell Russell and Bell Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. H M Mote and son Philip visited Mr. and Mrs. J B Mote at Lorena Sunday.

Mrs. C P Dodson made an air trip to Abilene last week for a visit with her sister, Mrs. H B Horn.

Joe A B Helms of Phillips, visited his brother, L V Helms and family here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Brown and daughters of Alexandria, La., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W W Brown here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Voss and sons Roger and Jeff visited Dr. and Mrs. T G Rogers Saturday.

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Worship	7:30 P. M.
Mid-Week Service	7:30 P. M.

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INTERESTING LETTER FROM HAWAII

During the late war the Messenger printed letters home from many Decatur boys from locations almost throughout the world and they were all interesting, informative as well as heartening to the folks at home.

Since the war we have not received many letters from Decatur boys still in service, but herewith we print one recently received by the parents of he serviceman concerned. He had no idea his letter would be published so we withheld his signature. Suffice to say he is a well known Decatur boy who has done valorous service in many parts of the world, but now located as a Navy officer in Hawaii.

This letter is filled with numerous significances. In the first place it reveals what an important job a trained Decatur boy has ben selected to perform. Interesting bits about romantic Hawaii are furnished. It shows, too, that the boy is tired and war weary and that he longs to come back again as an irresponsible youth to the good old home town of Decatur where he was born and reared:

* * *

"Dear Folks at Home:

Here I am "on the watch" and thinking about home. The other day I crawled in a AB*25 and flew with some army boys down to Hilo. We flew along the beach very low and the water falls looked romantic. Snow was over the top of Mount Mauana Loa. The fields were full of cane and pineapples and the small native villages were sprawled along the valleys formed by the shaggy crags of the lava fingers reaching out into the sea.

Well I got to thinking about you Mom, and about you, Dad, and I got so homesick I could hardly stand it. We landed at the army field at Hilo and caught a navy bus over to Hilo. And that was even harder on me. There was a town of probably 5000 or 6000 population sprawled in a semi-circle around a beautiful little half-moon bay. The buildings were typical little low roofed buildings like you might expect to find in any small mid-western town in the states.

There are very few service personnel there and no industry, so everything was on a pre-war level. Old men sitting on the street corners and discussing things that are important to old men. Automobiles that stop and wait for you to cross the street. Very few customers in the stores and here and there an old stray dog lay on the sidewalk. Well it just nearly "did me in," and I couldn't help but think of what a nice quiet place that would be to live in and get away from the hurly burly and complications of the war weary outside world.

And when I think of peace and quiet I always think of all of you and home. I would love to come home and take up the old life that I knew and loved so much. I appreciate that so much now since it is no longer available to me. I nearly die sometimes with the thought that I will never be able to return there on a permanent basis, but I guess that is just another angle of Life that will cut its trench of experience on the already rugged surface of my aching heart. "Be the labor great or small, do it well or not at all. For when the one great scorer comes to write against your name—He writes not that you won or lost—but how you played the game."

Little sayings like that you taught me Mom, and that I learned from you, Dad—they come up before me all the time and serve to keep me a little nearer to the simple honest teachings of my childhood, even though I am surrounded with the evils of a twisted world. I only hope that I will be able to pass on to my charge the simple beautiful teachings that were given to me by my two most wonderful parents.

If the whole world could have had parents with the principles my parents had they would have had living examples of the "Love thy neighbor" attitude before them through all their years of impression and there would never have been a need for all the strife and struggle to achieve selfish ends, and "War" would be a word that our children would have to refer to the dictionary to learn the meaning of. I thank my maker a thousand times that I was so fortunate.

My work out here is very important. I am in control of all air-sea rescue work. Anybody in trouble either in the air, on the water, or on the beach it becomes my responsibility. Also if there should ever happen another December 7, I am one of the boys that will be before the Board of Investigation, because my other job makes me responsible for the defense of the Hawaiian Islands. I am located at the very nerve center of all defense operations in the islands. There are five of us that are equally responsible, so that gives you some idea as to what my job is out here. We had to deal with the recent terrific tidal wave and we were very busy trying to rescue the people that went adrift in small boats and in saving people adrift on housetops, logs and other riff-raff. I don't get a chance to get out and do any of the work myself, but I do direct the operations from my office. I have 25 telephones and 3 two way radio stations at my desk with which to direct the operations of about 40 aircraft and 15 boats based at various points in the islands, from the Islands of Hawaii to Kauai and Midway, Cannon, Johnson, and Palmyra. Every one of the instruments is right at my finger tips and all the men are standing ready to go out on rescue missions on five minutes notice. We have Piper Cubs, Helicopters, Seaplanes, fast fighters for escort and interception service, B-17's and B-29's for long range search and rescue work and a number of PT boats for fast rescue. We rescue about 5 a week. That should bring some sense of remuneration to the high tax paying fathers and mothers of these boys in the states."

Summer CAR HEADQUARTERS

Before you start out on that summer vacation trip . . . let our mechanics chek and double check your car. Test batteries! Change oil! Reset engine timing! Tune up motor! Adjust carburetor! You're assured of smooth traveling with our final "ok."

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Will you GIVE that they may LIVE?

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO!

1. **GIVE MONEY.** More food can be obtained for a given amount of money when it is bought centrally and in large quantities. Send cash, money order, or check to your local Emergency Food Collection Committee or to Lee Marshall, Executive Director, 100 Maiden Lane, New York 7, N. Y.

2. **GIVE FOOD IN TIN CANS.** Leave at any Emergency Food Collection depot.

Urge your church, club, or organization to participate!

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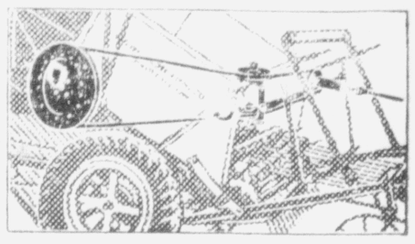

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WISE COUNTY LONG AGO

Interesting items from the files of The Wise County Messenger 25 and 50 Years Ago.

50 Years Ago . .

JUNE 19, 1896—

Mrs. J M Strickland took charge of the Summit Hotel on Monday and has had very encouraging patronage during the few days she has had charge. She had a large experience before coming to Decatur and knows how to meet the wants of her patrons.

The Greenwood Enterprise, with the enterprising characterisics of the enterprising town, where it is published, will put out a special 8 page edition of 2000 copies on the occasion of the big Masonic picnic to take place there on the 24th.

25 YEARS AGO

JUNE 24, 1921—

Pueblo Receives Aid From Decatur

City of Pueblo, Colorado, June 16, 1921

Wise County Messenger:

Dear Sir: We beg to acknowledge receipt of cashier's check for $43.10 from you for relief of suffering due to flood in our city. The financial aid and the spirit of the citizens of Decatur are deeply appreciated in this hour of affliction and distress. The funds will be turned over for use through the proper channels. With sincere thanks for both sympathy and funds, I am, yours very truly, Jas. L Lovern, president of the council.

1st. Lt. LaVera M Briscoe of Buckley Field, Denver, Colo., was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. W C Milligan Tuesday.

Mrs Paul Smith visited Mrs. Julia Rucker at Arlington last Friday.

REV. TOOLEY

Rev. R. V. Tooley, retired Methodist minister and father of O. W. Tooley of Haskell, died Sunday morning in a Vernon hospital. He had been in ill health for some time.

The retired minister had preached 46 years in the Methodist Church, serving many charges, including churches at Woodson, Westover and Munday Circuit in this vicinity.

Immediate survivors include his widow, Mrs. Minerva Tooley of Vernon; three sons, E. H. Tooley of Plainview, A. W. Tooley of Kress, and O. W. Tooley of Haskell; two daughters, Mrs. A. R. Copeland of Weco, and Mrs. D. R. Davidson of Munday; and a brother, Rev. L. B. Tooley of Clarksville. Thirteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral service for Rev. Tooley was held at the First Methodist Church in Vernon, conducted by Rev. M. R. Hines, assisted by Rev. M. R. Pearce, district superintendent, Rev. W. V. Okelley, pastor of the Vernon Circuit, and Rev. E. A. Reed, pastor of the Vernon church.

Services were conducted in accordance with his own plans. Rev. Tooley previously had written his own obituary, selected songs and had personally asked M. J. Brock of the Brock Quartet to sing them. Pallbearers were selected, one from each of the nine churches he had served in Wilbarger County.

Burial was at Shannon in Clay County.

Attending the funeral of Rev. Tooley from Haskell were Mr and Mrs. O. W. Tooley and son, Kenneth, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Odell, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Denney, Rev. and Mrs. Jordan Grooms, and Rev. Sam H. Young of Stamford.

Mrs. Chester Menyard and son Harold of Corsicana visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. W Smith last week.

Mmes. Fred Milligan, Dan Warren, Grady Keown of Greenwood were visitors in the Mauldin home Thursday June 13.

With the thermometer hovering around the century mark Decatur sweltered in the heat over the week end. Continued hot and dry is in prospect.

Joe Wren was at the golf course at 6 Sunday morning—but only to find a club he lost the afternoon before—and he found it.

Last Sunday was the day for lad to receive the tie you intended to give him Xmas.

It's reported Ben Williams has been in Arkansas giving the bride away. We presume he did—he's back.

Flusche Bros. building now is nearing completion. Plate-glass has been installed and practically all the inside and outside work complete.

Air conditioner business has been on the increase the past few days.

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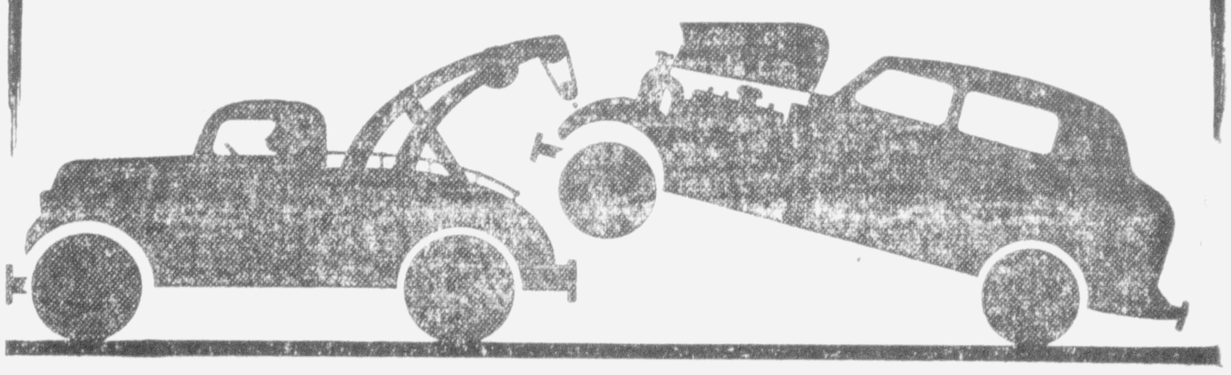

Tomorrow and the next day and the next 6700 cars will wear out and have to be junked. Will your aging car be one of them? It may be unless you give it all the care it needs.

Right now that care should include changing over winter-grade lubricants to lubricants of summer grade. All key parts should be serviced to save wear. To do that job in the way your car manufacturer recommends, Sinclair Dealers offer Sinclair-ize for Summer Service. Have your car Sinclair-ized now.

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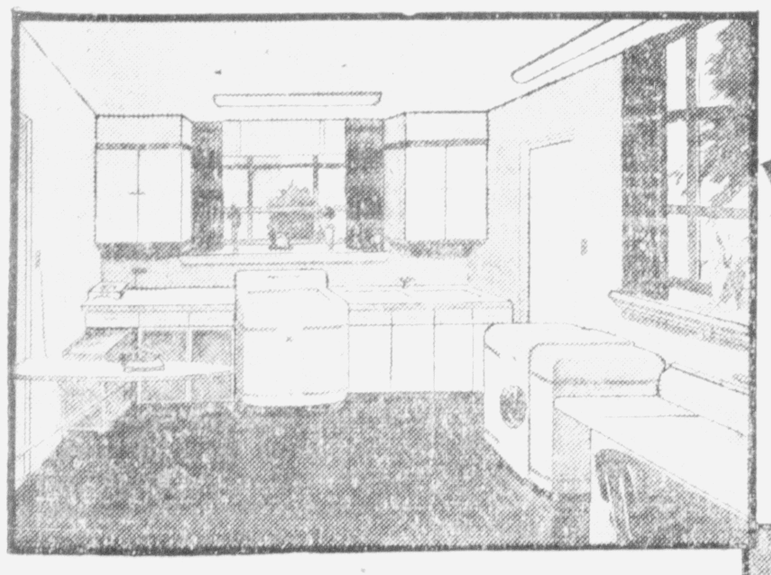

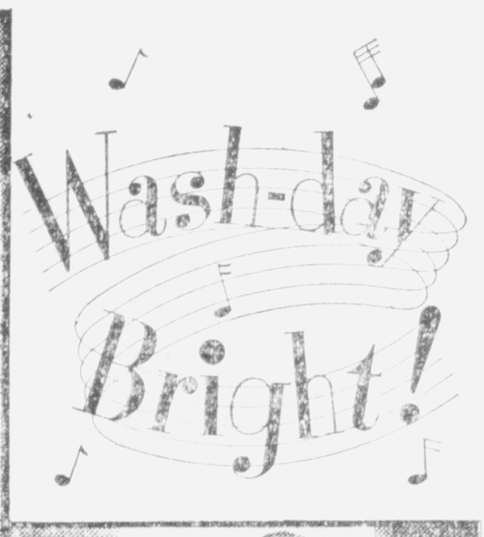

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Your home laundry should have general illumination throughout the room, while localized lighting units should be used to provide light free from shadows and reflected glare at the various working centers where the laundry is sorted, where spots are removed, and where ironing is done.

You'll be surprised and delighted when you see the pleasing difference proper lighting will make. See your Electrical Dealer today about plans for providing proper lighting in your laundry.

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Provides plenty of the right quality of light for easy seeing and, at the same time, adds beauty and charm to the home. Light Conditioning, with all its benefits, costs so little and adds so much to efficiency in the home and to the enjoyment of better living.

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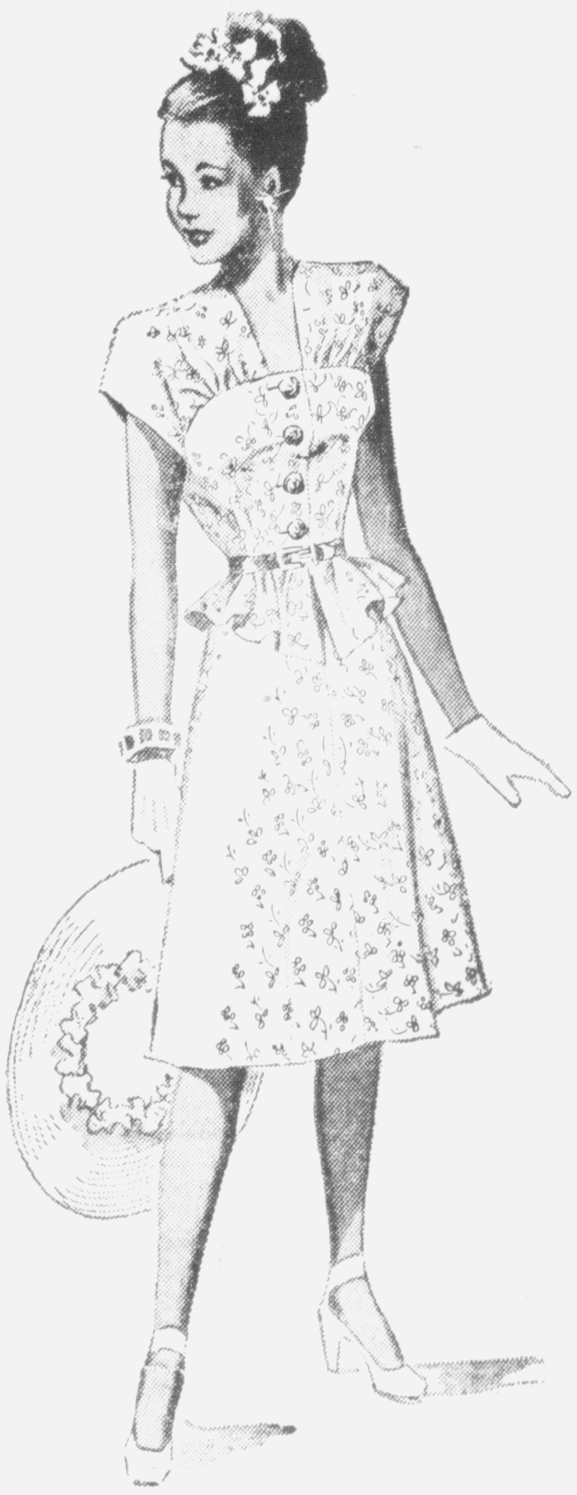

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Several months ago the pastor was requested to preach on the question, "Where Are the Dead, and What Is the Nature of the Resurrection Body?"

Some fresh study of these questions has been made, and the pastor plans to discuss them next Sunday night. All interested friends are invited to hear him. Miss Martha Ann Brady will sing at the service Sunday morning and the special music for the night service will be a solo by Miss Eula Spain.

The Vacation Bible School made a good beginning last Monday. The enrollment Tuesday morning was 92. The school will close with graduation exercises Friday night June 28. Parents and friends are invited to attend these exercises to see the good work done by the school. The Sabbath day is primarily a day for worship, and an invitation is extended to all to worship at the Baptist Church. R E Bell, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCormack and son Kent of Wichita Kansas were week end guests in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McCormack and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Workman.

DISCHARGED

Charles J Williams Jr has returned to Decatur, having received his discharge June 4 from the Navy, having served on the USS Hobson

WSCS MET MONDAY

The ladies of the Methodist Church met Monday for Bible study with Mrs. Eula Innis as leader, the subject being the Divine Fatherhood.

Due to the postponement of the revival meeting, the ladies voted to have their regular fourth Monday meeting of June 24 with Mmes. W W Brown and H S Usry as cohostesses, meeting in the home of Mrs. Usry.

W A Reed of Wichita Falls visited friends here Tuesday.

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4• If the clothing situation continues, we'll change the name to the "Newd Deal."

5• Not long ago we were giving restrictions and brownouts to relieve Europe and Asia of dictators. Now we have been having the same because of dictators.

6• Girls should exercise for slimness. A word to the wide is sufficient!

7• 1946 version: Build a better mousetrap and the people who try to beat a path to your door will be turned back by pickets.

8• No Dora, a medicine ball is not a dance for doctors.

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Interment was in Boyd cemetery Pallbearers were Ardice and Ed Zornes, Acter Able, Paul and Walton Munn and Roy Etter of Boyd. Flower ladies were Misses Billie and Sue Horn, Helen Arrington Georgia Kirkland, and Billie Mack Smith. Honorary pallbearers were Malcolm Branch, R E Petty, Earnest Wren, J A White, E L Birdwell and Henry Fortenberry

Barney was born in Wise county near Boyd May 13, 1912 He attended Boyd and Decatur schools and A&M College, receiving his degree in 1937. He entered agricultural work and was associated with the AAA and County Agent's office here and at Snyder and Colorado City, resigning to enter the armed forces but was rejected. In order to build his physical condition he took up oil field work but continued to be rejected by the examination board. He continued oil field work and had been at Fort Stockton about 10 months prior to his untimely death. A fine, honorable young man, he was a member of the Boyd Baptist Church, holding membership at the time of his death.

Survivors are his parents, 3 brothers, Mack of California, Morris of Michigan and Elmo of Boyd; four sisters, Mrs. Ruby Reininger, San Antonio, Mrs. Edith Benson, Arlington, Va., Misses Frankie and Golda Rie of Boyd and a host of relatives and friends who mourn his untimely passing.

WAR VETERAN RETURNS TO WISE COUNTY

John H Splawn Jr., 32, a Major, U S Army, has returned from Germany to his home at Greenwood after 46 months in the Army combat forces. Major Splawn will retire from active duty upon completion of 96 days accumulated terminal leave.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. J H Splawn of Greenwood, Major Splawn fought with the Army ground forces in Europe from November 1944 to V-E day, having passed through France, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany and Czechoslovakia. During this period he served with the XIII Corps, and General Patton's famed 3d U S Army, having earned two battle participation campaign stars, was recommended for the Bronze Star, and was personally decorated by President Benes of Czechoslovakia, who awarded him the Iron Cross of that country in appreciation of services rendered during the liberation of that country from the Germans.

Before entering the armed service at Camp Wolters in '42, Major Splawn was a licensed attorney at law in Texas, and had served three and one half years as accountant and auditor for the federal government, Washington. He is the holder of two univeristy degrees, one in business administration and the other a law degree from one of the nation's top ranking university law schools.

Upon being questioned as to future plans, it was learned he plans to settle down and make his home in Decatur where members of his family have lived many years.

Services For Mrs. Mecaskey Held Here

Mrs. Mary Madeline Mecaskey (widow of the late Chas. B Mecaskey) has lived in Wise County more than 51 years. She was born in Pensacola, Fla. Feb. 9, 1961, coming to Texas in 1870 making her home with her parents on the Calvert Ranch at Calvert. A few years later the family moved to Hamilton, where she met and was married to Mr. Mecaskey, in 1893. In December 1895 they came to Wise County, having lived here practically all the remainder of their lives.

Eight children were born to this union, 5 sons and 3 daughters. Mrs. Mecaskey was a faithful and active church member until a broken hip several years ago confined her to her home. She held membership in the Methodist Church here for 39 years.

Mrs. Mecaskey passed away at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Cocanougher Sunday June 16. Services were held at the Christian Chapel Tuesday afternoon June 18, conducted by Rev. Roy Anderson and Dr. R E Bell. Interment was in Oak Lawn cemetery. Pallbearers were 6 grandsons, James Renshaw, Don Ray, Billie Ray, Raymond Mecaskey, Charles Mecaskey and Allen Cocanougher.

Survivors are seven children Mrs. Will Renshaw, Barney of McAlester, Okla., Lowe of Borger, Mrs. Clarence Ray of Paris Finis, Mrs. Glenn Cocanougher of Decatur and Simmons of Honey Grove.

There are 27 grandchildren, and 3 greatgrandchildren; and Mrs. Bettie Sparks, 93 year old step-mother of Mrs. Mecaskey, one step brother, Chas. Roberts of El Paso and one step-sister Mrs. Grace Ransom of Hamilton.

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mons was married to Mrs. Jennie Griffin of Hico, who passed in 1920. In 1922 Mr. Simmons was married to Mrs. D B Hall of Fort Worth.

Mr. Simmons joined the Baptist Church when a young man and has had church membership practically all his life.

He passed away at the home of his son, Ezra in Rhome on Sunday afternoon June 16 at 2:20 o'clock. Funeral services were held at the Rhome Baptist Church Monday afternoon, June 17, conducted by Dr. J Frank Norris, Ft. Worth and Dr. R E Bell of Decatur, with Pastor Lawson Hatfield having charge of the music. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

Pallbearers were 8 grandsons Martin, Oscar and Cecil Simmons, Walton Simmons, of Ft. Worth, Billie George Jr., of Fort Worth, S B and Alva Wilkerson, Fort Worth and Byrle Stewart of Rhome.

Survivors include two sons, Ezra of Rhome and Arthur of Fort Worth, Mrs. C K Wilkerson of Decatur and Mrs. W N George of Fort Worth, 28 grand children, 43 great grandchildren, one brother Lewis and a half brother Gilbert, both of Illinois.

Many Decatur people were among those from all over this section attending the service.

A picnic on June 17 at the Reunion Grounds was enjoyed by Messrs. and Mmes. W A Mauldin, E L Walker, W V Patton, Gordon Roberts, C J Williams, Floyd Doyle, G C Rann, O J Van Meter, Mrs. Roy Anderson, Misses Elouise Mauldin, Betty Willard, Mr. O L James, Sheri and Billy Roberts, E L Walker Jr., and Suzanne Rann. Long tables were most attractively set with a bountiful variety of food. After the picnic supper, games of forty two were enjoyed.

George Elder is attending a REA bookkeeping school at Waco this week.

SHOWER HONORS RECENT BRIDE

A miscellaneous display shower was given in honor of Mrs. H L Spain, the former Miss Bette Ball, at the home of Naomi Cartwright on Friday, the 14th of June.

Hostesses were Charlene Spain, Hazel Dunaway and Naomi Cartwright.

ALLOTMENT

The following telegram was received from Congressman Ed Gossett Friday:

REA administrator Claud R Wickard has announced an allocation of $5,200,000 to the Brazos River transmission electric cooperative for development of transmission lines in north and central Texas. This means big expansion of REA in those sections. Allocation largest ever made in Texas and represents culmination of years of work. Wise Electric is one of 19 co-ops to participate in these funds

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of power between the branches of government, making each serve more effectively as a check and balance against the other.

Constructive Service

"As your Congressman I have been a leader in our long fight for freight rate equality, and have done much effective work on this and other problems of importance to our section. I have been the recognized leader in the House for restricting immigration, and for enforcement of immigration laws. My work in this field has just begun.

"I have always been a loyal member of the Democratic party, and believe it is superior to all others. However, one serves his party most who serves his country best. Today, more than ever before statesmanship should be placed above politics. As an experienced fighter in Congressional ranks I believe my reelection important to the maintenance of sound American principles."